

## REMARKS

By the foregoing Amendment, Claims 1 and 6 have been amended. Favorable reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-10 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) on the grounds of obviousness from Sekhon in view of Lewis et al. and Wasel-Nielen et al., as evidenced by Yap and Hawley's Condensed Chemical Dictionary (13<sup>th</sup> Edition, p. 379). Claim 1 has been amended to recite "approximately 8% by weight of the total weight of the composition of a salt of inorganic constituents formed from cations of calcium, and anions selected from the group consisting of silicates, carbonates and oxides." Claim 6 similarly has been amended to recite "approximately 4% by weight of the total weight of the composition of a salt of inorganic constituents formed from cations of calcium, and anions selected from the group consisting of silicates, carbonates and oxides." It is respectfully submitted that Sekhon, Lewis et al., Wasel-Nielen et al., Yap and Hawley's Condensed Chemical Dictionary (13<sup>th</sup> Edition, p. 379) do not teach, disclose or suggest a corrosion resistant composition for a fastener wherein the composition includes a salt of inorganic constituents formed from cations of calcium, and anions selected from the group consisting of silicates, carbonates and oxides, as is claimed. It is therefore respectfully submitted that Claims 1-10 are novel and inventive over Sekhon, Lewis et al., Wasel-Nielen et al., Yap and Hawley's Condensed Chemical Dictionary (13<sup>th</sup> Edition, p. 379), either taken individually or in combination, and that the rejection of Claims 1-10 on the grounds of obviousness from Sekhon in view of Lewis et al. and Wasel-Nielen et al., as

evidenced by Yap and Hawley's Condensed Chemical Dictionary (13<sup>th</sup> Edition, p. 379)  
should be withdrawn.

In light of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that  
the application should now be in condition for allowance, and an early favorable action in  
this regard is respectfully requested.

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